

## Comment on the Department of Energy's Recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site

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My comments on the Yucca Mountain Project are as follows:

- ☒ Decision documents are incomplete without a full analysis of transportation impacts.
- ☒ All spent fuel disposal alternatives should be thoroughly studied prior to a site recommendation decision.
- ☒ A "flexible" set of evolving design scenarios with variable operational modes is insufficient for a suitability decision.
- ☐ The design should contain waste within the repository as long as it remains hazardous to people and the environment.
- ☒ A site recommendation should not be made until the comments made by the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been adequately addressed and released for public review.
- ☒ Other See below.

### Comments:

The Department of Energy has released the *Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain for public review and comment. This is the final opportunity citizens will have to voice their concerns before the Secretary of Energy makes his recommendation to the president. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository, including transportation.

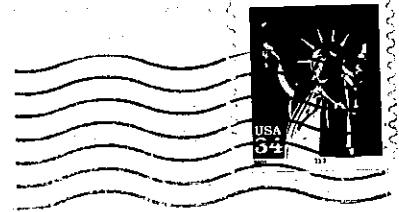
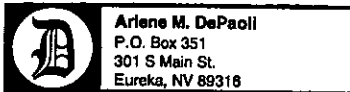
My comments are: I am very much opposed to having Yucca Mountain as the permanent site for burying the nation's nuclear waste. The seismic activity there in the past makes this location unsuitable, and there is the possibility of groundwater contamination.

Billions have been spent on this location, and I think money should be used instead on the technology for treating, recycling or reprocessing this nuclear waste at the site where it is generated. I am also very concerned about the transporting of this deadly waste through so many states.

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**Deadline:**  
**Comments must be received by**  
**Thursday, September 20, 2001**

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